

# National CAPS Meeting

## Eastern Region Perspective

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# Topics

- Safeguarding
- September 11, 2001
- State Plant Health Directors and State Regulatory Officials

# Safeguarding

## Pest Detection and Response Group

- How the program works with States and others to ensure early, accurate detection of new and emerging pests and how the program responds to those detections.

# **Pest Detection and Response**

## **Three-tiered committee system**

- State, Regional, and National Committees

## **Cooperative Invasive Plant Pest Survey Program**

- Nation-wide surveillance program
- Standardize pest detection activities
- Support export certification
- Support emergency response

# September 11, 2001

- Department of Homeland Security
- Funding to develop the CAPS platform
- Shift from AQI focus to Pest Detection
- Formalization of 3-Tiered Committee Sys.
- Specialized Positions for Pest Survey
- Pest Lists-Select Agents

# SPHDs and SPROs

- State CAPS Committees
- Proposals Development
- Working Relationship shift
- Implement Incident Command System
- Emergency Response/Rapid Response
- Early Detection
- Agricultural Terrorism